

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first

5 information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing
a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one
correspondence with the plurality of the first information
pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of
output times the first information pieces has been outputted
to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information
pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second
information pieces corresponding to the first information
15 pieces to be outputted; and

a prohibition section,

wherein when the outputted second information piece is
returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second
information pieces, the prohibition section prohibits the
20 first information pieces corresponding to the second
information piece of which the number of output times becomes
a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the
terminal in later output after the output to the terminal
wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the
25 threshold value.

2. A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

5 a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted
10 to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to
15 the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal;
and

20 a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

25 3. The server according to claim 1, further

comprising a initialization section for initializing the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece prohibited from being output to the terminal.

5 4. The server according to claim 2, further comprising a initialization section for initializing the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece prohibited from being output to the terminal.

10 5. The server according to claim 1, wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

6. The server according to claim 2, wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

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7. A terminal comprising:

 a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

20 an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been
25 outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

5 a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.

8. The terminal according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

9. An information processing system comprising:

a server; and

15 a terminal connected to the server via a network,

wherein

the server comprises:

a first storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

20 a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

5 a prohibition section,

the terminal comprises:

a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

10 an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

15 an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server, and

20 wherein when the outputted second information piece is returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second information pieces, the prohibition section of the server prohibits the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted

to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

5 10. An information processing system comprising:

a server; and

a terminal connected to the server via a network,

wherein the server comprises:

10 a first storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

15 a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

20 an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal; and

25 a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second

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information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value, and
the terminal comprises:

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a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

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an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

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an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

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a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

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a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.

11. An information record medium recording a sever program for causing a server computer contained in a server to function as:

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a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one
correspondence with the plurality of the first information
pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of
5 output times the first information pieces has been outputted
to a terminal;

6 an output section for outputting the first information
7 pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second
8 information pieces corresponding to the first information
9 pieces to be outputted; and
10 a prohibition section,

11 wherein when the outputted second information piece is
12 returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second
13 information pieces, the prohibition section prohibits the
14 first information pieces corresponding to the second
15 information piece of which the number of output times becomes
16 a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the
17 terminal in later output after the output to the terminal
18 wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the
19 threshold value.

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information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information
5 pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

10 an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal;
and

15 a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the
20 number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

13. An information record medium recording a terminal program for causing a terminal computer contained in a terminal to function as:

25 a storage section for storing a plurality of first

information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with
5 the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

10 an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

15 a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.